

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new section on page 1, line 4, before the “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” section:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/477,023, filed on January 3, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 12, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, user-define functions are registered with the database system to create “virtual tables” that create a view of data in the recovery logs. The user-defined functions dynamically retrieve and populate column values for a virtual table from underlying data sources (i.e., recovery logs). An example of a method and mechanism for implementing these user-defined functions is described in co-pending U.S. Application Ser. No. ~~[Not Yet Assigned]~~ 09/476,141, Attorney Docket No. 241/288, filed on even day herewith, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 13, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

When it is desired to access the recovery logs, a list of the recovery logs to be accessed is generated (204). The time range of the log access can be specified (206) to limit the volume of recovery log records to be accessed. If a time range is not specified, then the entire contents of the named recovery logs are accessed. The invention can be configured to automatically ~~generate~~ generates a list ~~of~~ recovery logs to be accessed if a time range is specified, thus not requiring process action 204.